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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA GOOD OFFICES IN SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALIST TALKS

1. RAND DAILY MAIL APRIL 17 QUOTED MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MOGWE AS SAYING THAT BOTSWANA PREPARED TO ACT AS "GO-BETWEEN" IF MILITANT BLACK NATIONALISTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA WANTED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER.

2. MOGWE TOLD ME TODAY THAT HE WAS MISQUOTED BY THE RAND DAILY MAIL AND THAT ANY CONTACTS BETWEEN BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALISTS AND PRIME MINISTER VORSTER MUST BE IN OAU FRAMEWORK. THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES

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OFFERING GOOD OFFICES TO FACILITATE TALKS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN

NATIONALISTS AND VORSTER. MOGWE SAID THE RECENT DAR MEETING ON SOUTH AFRICA WAS SOBER AND BENEFICIAL BUT HE WAS STRUCK BY THE MILITANCY OF THE REPS FROM NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS SUCH AS SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICAN ANC. HE CLAIMED THE DAR DECLARATION AND RESOLUTIONS ON NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA WERE LARGELY FORMULATIONS BY BLACK NATIONALIST LEADERS AND EFFORTS TO MODIFY THE LANGUAGE PROVED TO BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.
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